

SPECIFICATION AMENDMENTS

Replace paragraph [0008] with:

The invention is directed to a polishing pad comprising a porous polymeric material, wherein the porous polymeric material has a Poisson's ratio less than 0. The Poisson's ratio is the ratio of lateral contraction strain to longitudinal strain. The Poisson's ratio (ν) is related to bulk modulus (B), Young's modulus (E), and shear modulus (G) by the following relationships:

$$B = 2G(1 + \nu)/3(1 - 2\nu);$$

$$\cancel{G = E/2(1 + \nu)} \quad G = E/2(1 + \nu); \text{ and}$$

$$B = E/3(1 - 2\nu).$$